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TO HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE IMMEDIATE

XMT AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FOLLOWING REPEAT MOGADISCIO 0751 ACTION STATE NAIROBI APR 9.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0751

EPT ALSO PASS HORN OF AFRICA COLLECTIVE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, MOPS, SO

SUBJ: ATTEMPTED COUP D'ETAT IN MOGADISCIO

1. IT APPEARS NOW THAT SIAD HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN COUNTERING THE ATTEMPTED COUP AGAINST HIM THIS MORNING. THE ATTEMPT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN STARTED BY SOME LOW-RANKING OFFICERS AT A CAMP NORTH OF THE CITY. THEY ATTEMPTED TO SEIZE CONTROL OF KEY POINTS IN MOGADISCIO BUT WERE ROUTED BY FORCES LOYAL TO SIAD. EMBASSY OBSERVER REPORTS IT IS NOW QUIET WEST OF MOGADISCIO ON THE AFGOI ROAD WHERE EARLIER THERE WAS FIGHTING AND A NUMBER OF CASUALTIES.

2. EGYPTIAN MILITARY ATTACHE JUST RETURNED (0800Z) FROM A CIRCUIT OF THE MILITARY CAMPS AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HQTRS NORTH  
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OF THE CITY AND REPORTED REMNANTS OF THE MUTINIOUS UNITS ARE NOW BEING MOPPED UP BY LOYAL FORCES. HALIM ALSO TOLD US HE SAW THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING COMING FROM A MEETING WITH SIAD AND LOOKING VERY GLOOMY.

3. PRESIDENTIAL AIDE OMAR SALIM PHONED DCM AT 0830Z AND SAID PRESIDENT SIAD WAS IN FIRM CONTROL OF THE GOVT. SALIM

SAID THAT SIAD WAS IN GOOD HEALTH, AND THE GOVT WAS  
FUNCTIONIFONING. LOUGHRAN UNQUOTE VANCE

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